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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 791, L.D. 2042, Bill, "An Act to Allow Inclusion of Nonagricultural Products in the Quality Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§443.~~" by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph (page 1, lines 27 to 44 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Nonagricultural products. Before any natural resource product or commodity that is not a farm product is eligible to use a brand, label or trademark designed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, a commissioner of any other department with regulatory authority, marketing or promotion responsibility or other authority for that product or commodity shall determine whether the use of the brand, label or trademark is in the best interests of packers and shippers of the product or commodity and shall request that the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources permit the use of the brand, label or trademark in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter. Grades and standards may be established by reference to marketing orders or to federal or state laws and regulations. Grades and standards may also be established through joint rulemaking by the appropriate department and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

2. Marine resource products. All marine resource products, as defined in Title 12, section 6001, except sardines, are excluded from the provisions of this subchapter except when the Commissioner of Marine Resources finds that a resource and its related industry would benefit by participation.'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 3 in the  
next to the last line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out  
the following: "or other legal authority"

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6 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of  
fact the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

10 Enactment of this bill would basically result in  
insignificant costs to the Department of Agriculture, Food and  
12 Rural Resources to allow inclusion of nonagricultural products in  
the quality program. Furthermore, the quality program utilizes  
14 considerable regulatory requirements that must be met before a  
product is included in the program. In view of the above  
16 mentioned comments, it is expected that this bill will result in  
minimal costs which would be absorbed by the Department of  
18 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (Marketing Services,  
Agriculture, Acct. #01101.3) utilizing existing resources.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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26 This amendment clarifies the intent of the original bill by  
prohibiting marine resource products from participation in the  
quality program of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
28 Resources without the approval of the Commissioner of Marine  
Resources. The amendment also makes further technical changes in  
30 drafting style and adds a fiscal note.

Reported by Senator Twitchell for the Committee on Agriculture.  
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